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March 8, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

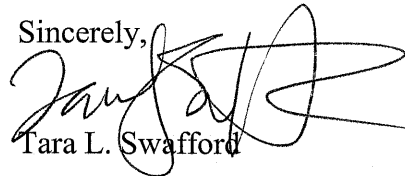
**Re: Notice of US LEC Corp of "Bona Fide Request" For an
Interconnection Agreement With TDS Local Exchange
Carriers Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251
Docket No. 00-00026**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of Joint Agreement Proposing New Procedural Schedule.

If you should need anything further, or if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tara L. Swafford

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Enclosure

cc: Richard Collier, Esq. (w/encl.)
Henry M. Walker, Esq. (w/encl.)
Mr. Bruce Mottern (w/encl.)

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

NOTICE OF US LEC CORP OF
"BONA FIDE REQUEST" FOR AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
WITH TDS LOCAL EXCHANGE
CARRIERS PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C.
§ 251

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JOINT AGREEMENT PROPOSING NEW PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On March 1, 2002, the Authority issued an Order Establishing New Procedural Schedule for this docket based on US LEC Corp's new request pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1). Due to scheduling problems presented by counsel for TDS TELECOM and to allow more time to respond to discovery, TDS TELECOM has proposed an amended procedural schedule. As indicated by his signature below, counsel for US LEC indicates that US LEC does not oppose the proposed new procedural schedule. The parties note that June 24, 2002 is the 120-day deadline under 47 § 251(f)(1). The proposed amended procedural schedule is as follows:

March 13, 2002	TDS's Response to US LEC's "Bona Fide Request" Due
March 20, 2002	US LEC's Discovery Requests Due
April 3, 2002	TDS's Responses Due
April 15, 2002	US LEC's Direct Testimony Due
April 22, 2002	TDS's Discovery Requests Due
May 6, 2002	US LEC's Responses Due
May 15, 2002	TDS's Direct and Rebuttal Testimony Due
May 24, 2002	US LEC's Reply Testimony Due

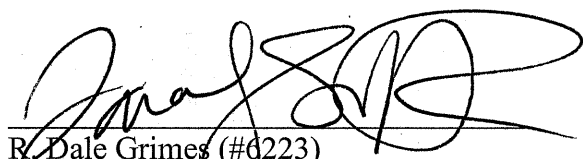
Week of June 3, 2002

Hearing

All filings are required to be submitted to the Authority and copies served on the parties no later than **2:00 P.M.** on the date that they are due. Parties shall file all discovery requests and responses with the Authority. If a Protective Order is required, the parties shall submit a proposed protective order no later than **March 15, 2002.**

J. Richard Collier, Prehearing Officer

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



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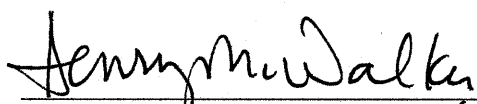
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